

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to include priority information. This application is a national phase entry of international application no. PCT EV809055428US, filed March 29, 2005 which claims the benefit of Chinese patent application no. 200410032158.3 filed on April 1, 2004. This application claims the priority of each of the earlier filed applications.

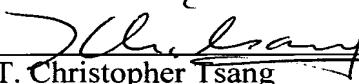
The specification has also been amended to include sequence identifiers for biological sequences that had not been assigned a number in the international application.

Claims 1 to 20 have been canceled and replaced with claims 21 to 40 without prejudice to Applicants' right to pursue the subject matter of the canceled claims in the instant or related patent applications. Claims 21 to 40 conform to United States patent practice and are added to more particularly indicate that which Applicants regard as the invention. Upon entry of the above-made amendments, claims 21 to 39 will be pending. Applicants submit that the above-made amendments to the claims are fully supported in the instant application as originally filed, and do not constitute new matter. Support for the new claims can be found, for example, in the specification at page 3, line 9 to page 6, line 5, page 10, lines 4-14, page 11, lines 6-11, Figure 3, and the original claims.

Applicants respectfully request that the above-made amendments be entered and made of record in the above-identified application. Claims 21-39 fully meet all statutory requirements for patentability. Early allowance and action for issuance are respectfully requested. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner call the undersigned at (212) 326-3939 if there is any questions or issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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